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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A compression apparatus comprising;

5 an expandable body configured for disposal about a foot;

a heel strap extending from the body, the heel strap being configured ~~for~~ to contour about a heel of ~~disposal about~~ the foot adjacent an ankle,

10 wherein the heel strap has a first layer configured to engage an outer surface of the foot adjacent the ankle, a second layer and a third cushion layer disposed between the first and second layer;

15 and wherein further the heel strap has at least one segmented portion configured to contour about the heel strap ~~about of~~ the foot, the at least one segmented portion is positioned along the strap.

2. (Currently Amended) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the heel strap is integrally connected to the body.

20 3. (Canceled)

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4. (Original) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the body includes the first layer.

5. (Original) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 4, wherein the body includes the second layer.

5 6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the third cushion layer is disposed within the first layer and the second layer such that the first layer and the second layer are configured to provide a barrier to the third cushion layer.

8. (Original) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the body includes a metatarsal strap.

9. (Original) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the first layer includes a soft material.

15 10. (Original) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the first layer includes a soft material and a flexible film.

11. (Original) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the third cushion layer includes a foam material.

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12. (Original) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the second layer has an outer surface including a loop material disposed therewith.

13. (Original) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the second layer includes a flexible film and an outer surface having a loop material disposed therewith.

14. (Original) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 8, wherein the second layer has an outer surface including a loop material such that the metatarsal strap includes hook elements that are engageable with the loop material to mount the expandable body with the foot.

15. (Original) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein the body includes hook elements that are engageable with the loop material to mount the expandable body with the foot.

16. (Currently Amended) A compression apparatus comprising:

a foot sleeve including an inflatable body configured for disposal about a foot, the foot sleeve including a metatarsal portion;

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the foot sleeve further having a contact layer and an outer layer, the layers fixedly joined at a perimeter of the foot sleeve defining a first piece;

5 a heel strap comprising a first layer and a second layer fixedly joined at a perimeter of the first and second layer, and a third layer between the first and second layer and the three layers defining a second piece; and

10 wherein a portion of the second piece strap is received within the first piece between the contact layer and outer layer at the perimeter of the first piece, and the second piece is fixedly joined at the perimeter of the first piece, the second piece projects out through the sealed first piece at its perimeter and extends a substantially length outwardly therefrom for wrapping over and around ~~mounted between a foot contact~~
15 ~~layer and an outer layer the foot sleeve and extending therefrom, the strap being configured for disposal about the~~
foot adjacent an ankle of a patient;

~~wherein the first layer is configured to engage an outer surface of the foot adjacent the ankle, and a third cushion layer is disposed between the first and second layers such that the first layer and the second layer are configured to provide a barrier to the third cushion layer.~~

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17. (Currently Amended) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein the first layer and second layer of the second piece is fixedly joined at the perimeter of the first and second layer for sealing the third layer ~~is configured to prevent engagement of the third cushion layer with the outer surface of the foot.~~

18. (Currently Amended) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein the third ~~cushion~~ layer includes a foam material for cushion during patient use.

19. (Currently Amended) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein the second piece strap has at least one segmented portion configured ~~ation~~ for contour with the foot.

20. (Currently Amended) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 16, ~~comprising:~~

~~a foot sleeve including an inflatable bladder configured for disposal about a foot, the foot sleeve including a metatarsal portion that overlies the foot,~~

~~a strap mounted between a foot contact layer and an outer layer of the foot sleeve body and extending therefrom, the strap being configured for disposal about the foot adjacent an ankle,~~

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wherein the strap ~~has a foot contact layer including a soft material that is configured to engage an outer surface of the foot adjacent the ankle, an outer layer and a cushion layer including foam material disposed therebetween such that the foot~~
5 ~~contact layer and the outer layer are configured to provide a barrier to the cushion layer, the outer first layer having an outer surface that includes~~ ing a loop material such that the metatarsal portion includes hook elements that are engageable with the loop material on the second piece to mount the foot
10 sleeve with the foot.

21. (Currently Amended) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 16 20, wherein the compression apparatus includes a plurality of second pieces ~~straps~~ extending from the body.

22. (Canceled)

15 23. (Currently Amended) A compression apparatus as recited in claim 16 22, wherein the second piece ~~strap member~~ includes a plurality of layers, whereby the plurality of layers comprises an interiorly disposed cushion layer.

24. (Canceled)

20 25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)